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United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2013/12 of 22 July 2013 and 2014/10 of 13 June 2014 on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases,

Acknowledging that the global burden and threat of non-communicable diseases, principally cardiovascular diseases, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, which are linked to four main risk factors, namely, tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity, as well as the global burden of mental health and neurological issues constitute major challenges for the economic and social development in the twenty-first century and may lead to increasing inequalities within and between countries and populations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases[1] and its recommendations, including to report annually on progress made in implementing Council resolution 2013/12;

2. *Encourages* members of the Task Force to continue to work together in a coordinated manner to support national efforts to implement the commitments included in the 2011 Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases and the 2014 outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, building on guidance set out in the World Health Organization Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020;

[1] See E/2015/53.

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3. *Also encourages* the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to scale up the delivery of actions contained in the workplan of the Task Force;

4. *Further encourages* the Task Force to further enhance systematic support to Member States, upon request, at the national level, in efforts to support responses to prevent and control non-communicable diseases and mitigate their impacts, including through the establishment of a resident thematic group or equivalent entity on non-communicable diseases by United Nations country teams or incorporating non-communicable diseases into an existing thematic group, in order to ensure that these issues are integrated into health planning and national development plans and policies, including the design process and implementation of the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its 2016 session on progress achieved in implementing its resolution 2013/12, under the agenda item entitled "Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases", in preparation for a comprehensive review of the General Assembly, in 2018, of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.